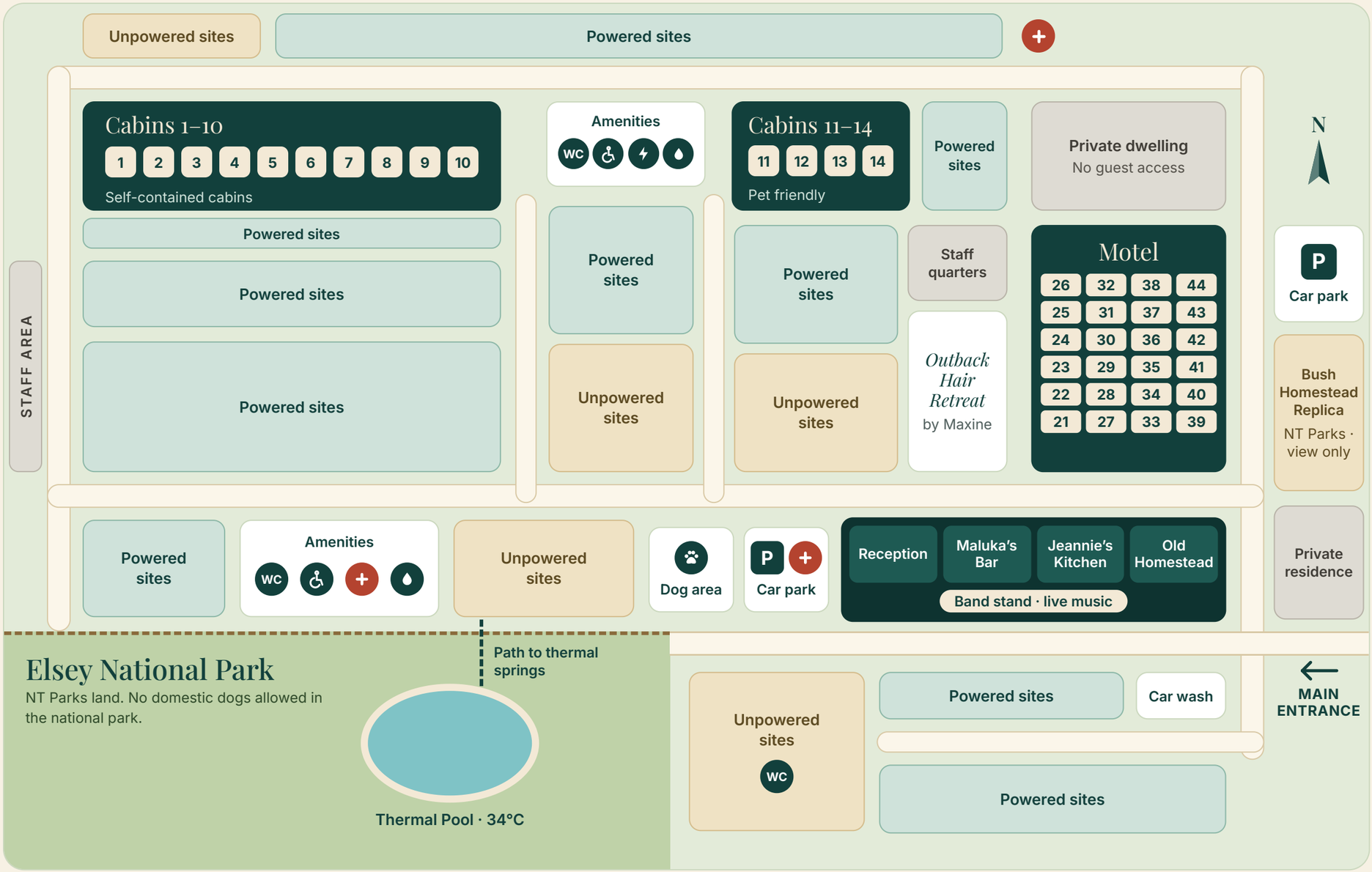
TOURIST PARK MAP

Mataranka Homestead

Home of the thermal springs · Land of the Never Never

Powered sites
Unpowered sites
Cabins, motel, venues
Private · no access
Toilets, showers, laundry
Accessible
First aid
Dog area
EV charging
Dump point
Car park
National park



A little Mataranka history

From outback history to thermal springs

1879
ELSEY STATION
Abraham Wallace and J.H. Palmer drive 2,700 cattle to Stanley Billabong and found Elsey Station.

1902
JEANNIE GUNN
Aeneas Gunn arrives with his bride Jeannie. Her book *We of the Never Never* preserves station life.

1915 – 1928
MATARANKA
The name, meaning "home of the snake" in the Yangmanic language, is given. The railway arrives in 1928.

1942 – 1945
WARTIME
More than one hundred army units are stationed here, and soldiers discover the warm springs.

1946
TOURISM BEGINS
Victor Smith returns after the war and builds cabins beside the thermal waters for travellers.

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Welcome

Relax and enjoy true Territory hospitality.

RECEPTION

Dry season 8.30 am – 5 pm

Wet season by phone 9 am – 5 pm, then at Maluka's Bar 5 – 8.30 pm

Arriving late? Your key and site map are in the lock box (code emailed). Leaving early? Keys go in the reception mailbox.

MALUKA'S BAR & JEANNIE'S KITCHEN

Dry season 8 am – 8.30 pm. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and wood-fired pizzas. Live music nightly 5.30 – 8 pm.

Wet season bar 5 – 8.30 pm, meals 5 – 8 pm

Happy hour 5 – 6 pm daily

STAY WITH US

Cabins 1–10 are self-contained. Cabins 11–14 are pet friendly. Motel rooms 21–44, plus powered and unpowered sites. Kids 12 and under stay free on sites.

THERMAL SPRINGS & EXPLORE

Mataranka Thermal Pool, a short walk away in Elsey National Park, is a warm 34°C year-round. Visit Bitter Springs, or go boating and fishing on the Roper River.

Book direct
Scan to book a site, cabin or motel room online.

NT Parks pass
Visitors to Elsey National Park need a pass. Scan to buy online.

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